



Sandhurst Primary School

Newsletter
Spring Term
12th February 2021

Dear Parents, Carers and Staff,

We have made it through to half term. Just a huge well done to everyone, parents, carers and staff for all the amazing input on home learning. It really has been a fantastic effort on everyone's part. Time to totally switch off from home learning for a week. Thank you so much for all the responses to our Remote Learning Survey, I have now closed it and have started to work our way through your responses.

Following your comments, we are:

Holding Zoom training sessions for staff who request it

Offering a second screen to those staff who feel it would help

Reminding all children, they can stay on zoom at the end of a session if they need extra explanations

Adding in some extra zoom group times within year groups that have the staffing capacity

Recording some short teaching sessions that parents can access at a time that suits them as well as some pre-recorded phonics and story times (including ones created by our Governors)

Looking at how we can reorganise each Its Learning page to make it more accessible and easy to navigate

Uploading power points in a different way so they are more accessible on all devices. (A parent did share with me that you can download some free programmes that make the documents more accessible, Pages for Word, Numbers for Excell and Keynotes for Powerpoint)

I am hoping you will all find this helpful but still manageable.

February 22nd

So the next announcement about schools is due on 22nd February, with a view as to what will happen after the 8th March. I was on a head teacher's meeting yesterday and we were told not to speculate. So the answer at the moment is that we have no clue what the arrangements will be after March 8th but as soon I know I will let you know. As soon as the announcement comes we will look at all the guidance and react accordingly. So please stay strong and hold on!

Year 3 Bubble Closure

Sadly, we had to close the year 3 bubble this week and children and staff from that bubble need to self-isolate until the end of Sunday 21st February. We had to close due to a positive Lateral Flow Test but are still awaiting confirmation of the PCR test. As soon as I have confirmation I will send the official letter to the relevant families.

Track and trace over half term

Similarly, to Christmas I will need to track and trace any positive cases of COVID for the first couple of days of the holiday. This means any child or adult that has been in school, that tests positive, will need to let me know so I can then advise on any action needed. The official letter with contact details is attached, but it is the school mobile: 07803 415583, or email:rebeccaanndove@gmail.com.

Birthdays

There are lots of birthdays between my last letter and the end of the holiday so I have attached a table, Happy Birthday to all of you.

A recommendation of a competition from a parent:

www.co-opinsurance.co.uk/home-insurance/croods-2

Another really excellent resource:

In addition to Kooth, our online mental health & well-being service for young people aged 11-18 in the borough. We now have Qwell which has been made freely available to **all adults** to use in Lewisham as an important mental health & well-being support service. It is a self-referral service. All adults can sign up here at www.Qwell.io

Finally, I really hope you all have a lovely half term. Please try and relax, enjoy a break from home schooling. Look after yourselves and each other. I am going to enjoy Pancake day on Tuesday. If any of you do cook pancakes take a picture of flipping them for the website. Then I will be looking forward to my son's 25th birthday on Friday.

I will be in touch after the holiday with all our exciting ideas for World Book Day. Then with whatever follows the Government announcement on 22nd February. Take care.

Yours truly
Mrs R A Dove